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NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

2 MAY 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Funding Projection

REFERENCE : Memo to DD/R from AD/OSA, dtd 12 Apr 63, Subj:
Funding Projection through June 1963 []

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1. You will recall that [] reviewed with you the Projection Report for CIA/NRO Program through 30 June 1962 in preparation for discussion which you were to have with Dr. McMillan on the status of NRO funds. As a result of this review the reference was prepared to identify certain items on which we were awaiting NRO approval.

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2. According to verbal reports, Dr. McMillan has approved the nine-plane IDEALIST Program and we are proceeding at this time to identify a schedule for engine procurement and aircraft modification. We have also received written authorization for an additional [] for FY 1963 construction [] in lieu of the [] we have requested. The [] should enable us to meet expenses on the additional construction through 30 June and we will include the remainder of the [] we had requested in our FY 1964 operational budget.

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3. [] has hinted that by 1 May there should be some ray of hope for us to receive financial assistance in the [] deficit we are now projecting in the OXCART Program, []

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[] Unfortunately, the projected deficit at this time is a very real thing supported by cries of anguish by our contractors. In order that we may offer some guidance or relief to our contractors, it is requested that you pursue the status of our funds with Dr. McMillan and seek NRO funding for the deficits we now experience.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

JACK C. LEDFORD
Colonel, USAF
Assistant Director
(Special Activities)

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RECAPITULATION OF AIR ACTIVITIES, WEEK ENDING 1 MAY 1963

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PROJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	APPROVED	DATE	ACTION
<u>IDEALIST/ TACKLE</u>							
3 Missions	U-2	April	China Mainland to cover Szechwan Basin, Pao Tou, Missile Test Range and South China, as necessary.	Special Group	4 April		<p>1. South China requirement remains due failure of [] Aircraft out of commission awaiting inverter replacement, auto pilot repair and test flight</p> <p>2. As of reporting time finalized targeting for Szechwan Basin, Pao Tou and Missile Test Range has not been received. Weather in this area of interest has been CAT IV and V during this period.</p>
4 Missions	U-2	April and May	Sino/Indian Border	Special Group	4 April		

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<u>IDEALIST/ TACKLE</u>							
1 Mission	U-2	May	Manchuria	Special Group	4 April		Daily weather checks commenced on 30 April. Complete target requirement not available.
1 Mission	U-2	May or June	North Korea	Special Group	4 April		Daily weather checks commenced on 30 April. Complete target requirement not available.
<u>IDEALIST/ LOWNOTE</u>							
2-3 Missions	U-2	April/ May	Laos/North Viet Nam	Special Group	4 April		

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PROJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	APPROVED	DATE	ACTION
<u>CORONA/ARGON</u>							

Sortie 9055A	Thor	April	USSR(Primary)	Special Group	31 Jan 63	Originally scheduled for launch on 22 April - Slipped to 25 April due replacement of timer on lifeboat - Slipped again to 26 April due lifeboat gas difficulties. Vehicle launched on 26 April but failed to achieve orbit.	
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No activity scheduled for reporting period.

OSA/OD/CO (1 May 63)

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